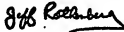


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Official Action mailed July 9, 2008, and is being  
filed before October 9, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are found in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: **In the Claims:**